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Press Release

**SHERIFF LEE BACA OFFICIATES AT
GRADUATION CEREMONY OF ACADEMY CLASS #381**

Five female and ten male Police Officers from the Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Torrance Police Departments graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Training Academy in Whittier during ceremonies held on Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services (STARS) Center.

California State Assembly Member Steven Bradford, 51st District, delivered inspirational remarks to the graduates and their guests.

As part of the graduation, a badge-pinning ceremony was conducted, with the new officers receiving their badges from a family member or loved one. After receiving their graduation certificates, the graduates were officially sworn in as peace officers by Sheriff Lee Baca.

In a special segment of the ceremony, Erin Sooper of the Torrance Police Department, a resident of Redondo Beach, was named the Honor and Academic Recruit for Class #381. This award is given to the recruit who achieves the highest numerical average based upon leadership qualities, academics, marksmanship, and physical performance throughout the training period.

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Photos available upon request.